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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Niue

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002

I. Background and justification

1. At its third regular session 1997, the Executive Board approved the first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Niue, for the period 1997 to 2001. In consultation with all parties concerned, the country office has requested a one-year extension of the first CCF. This extension will enable UNDP to formulate the second CCF within the context of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and to synchronize its programme cycle with those of other United Nations agencies in the country.

2. The main thematic areas of the first CCF are job creation and sustainable livelihoods. These areas will continue to remain valid in the second CCF.

II. Objectives

3. UNDP will continue to support the Government in its efforts to increase the economic performance of the country and to increase the well being of the overall population (2,000), through a tourism and private sector development project. Based on recent surveys, tourism remains the most sustainable form of livelihood. The area needs to be managed properly, especially in terms of its potentially adverse impact on the country's fragile environment. UNDP has taken a number of steps to address this issue in the project, including the development of strategic plans with associated training and various forms of capacity-building for local businesses, and has carried out an effective public awareness campaign, targeted mainly at schoolchildren, to teach them entrepreneurial skills at an early age. UNDP is currently establishing a business advisory facility for the primary sector, with technical assistance from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The project is also highly sensitive to the vulnerability of the environment to issues relating to air traffic, particularly connections to overseas tourist destinations. In the second CCF, more attention will be paid to addressing this issue and strengthening support in existing thematic areas.

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III. Recommendation

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for Niue for a period of one year, 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Niue (1997-2002)

Source	Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)	Comments
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated IPF carry-over	98	Includes AOS.
TRAC 1.1.1	144	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	146	
Subtotal	**388** [a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	0	
Third party cost-sharing	0	
Funds, trust funds and other	169	
of which:		
GEF	149	
PSI	20	
Subtotal	**169**	
Grand total	**557**[a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environmental Facility; IPF = indicative planning figure; PSI = Poverty Strategy Initiatives; SPPD = Support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.